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SUBJECT: LOURENCO MARQUES PORT: SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH
STEVEDORES

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1. LABOR SETTLEMENT WITH STEVEDORES PROMISES TO REDUCE PORT CONGESTION IN LOURENCO MARQUES IF "WORKERS WORK AS THEY SHOULD". STEVEDORES HAVE AGREED TO WORK ON WEEKENDS UNTIL 7 A.M. IN MORNING, WITH WORKERS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT SHIFTS RECEIVING 440 ESCUDOS (OLD RATE WAS 160 ESCUDOS).

2. CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 40 SHIPS ARE WAITING TO OFF-LOAD IN LOURENCO MARQUES. AVERAGE TURN-AROUND TIME IS 20 DAYS. PRIORITY IN OFFLOADING IS BEING GIVEN TO VESSELS CARRYING LOCOMOTIVES (BOTH FARRELL AND MOORE-MCCORMACK) OR CONTAINER OR UNITIZED CARGO.

3. REPRESENTATIVE FOR FARGELL LINES DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY INCREASE IN US MINE RATES (CURRENT ADDITIONAL CHARGES ARE US\$17/TON PLUS 25 PERCENT PORT CONGESTION) BUT SAYS EUROPEAN LINES HAVE ANNOUNCED INCREASE OF PORT CONGESTION CHARGE TO 30 PERCENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 (OTHER ADDITIONAL CHARGES BY EUROPEAN LINES ARE: 20 PERCENT CARGO REGISTRATION AND 20 PERCENT BANKER'S SURCHARGE).

4. LYKES LINES IS REPORTEDLY NOT CURRENTLY ACCEPTING CARGO FOR LOURENCO MARQUES.

5. ACCORDING TO SHIPPING SOURCES, LOURENCO MARQUES PORT ACTIVITY HAS DECREASED AROUND 35-40 PERCENT SINCE APRIL 25, ADDING TO MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ASIDE FROM DIRECT LOSSES IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MOZAMBIQUE'S NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES, PORT CONGESTION HAS IMPEDED FLOW OF TRADE, BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, WITH ADVERSE EFFECTS ON COMMERCIAL AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITY.
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